

## TAXICAB RATES ARE EXORBITANT

More Stands and Restriction of Hotel Privileges Would Lower Prices.

## BOOBAR DEFENDS RATES

Secretary of Company Tells of Conditions Which Have Warranted Present System.

Dead mileage, the Washington taxicab companies claim, is a large factor of the present high tariffs. Taxicabs of many of the companies run almost as many miles without fares as with them, and the cost of operation of cars without passengers must be charged to the account of the patrons.

In other words, for every mile one rides in a taxicab, one pays operating expenses for two miles, or nearly two miles, as the case may be, and also a percentage of profit upon two miles. The Washington patron pays for twice as much as he gets when he patronizes a local taxicab.

This large percentage of dead mileage is partly the result of the high tariffs, which limit the use of the taxis to special patrons and increase their chance of securing return fares, but it is mostly to be laid to the blame of regulations which have established cab stands, few and far between, and make it impossible for the taxis to do business from any but these authorized stands.

### Cab Stands Are Frequent

In the large cities of Europe, where taxicabs charge are within the reach of the people generally, the cabs operate from almost every street.

Local taxicab companies claim that their average cost of operation per mile is approximately 20 cents. The charge to the patron of the taxicab is 50 cents for the first mile. On a mile haul, the patron pays 50 cents more than the cost of the service, or what amounts to him to be a profit of 15-12 per cent.

In reality, the taxicab companies claim, for every mile that a passenger is hauled nearly a mile without a passenger must be reckoned. The operating expense for the mile with the fare and the mile with empty machine amounts to 50 cents. This must be charged to the patron, who

pays expenses going and coming. The companies, thus make approximately 20 cents profit on short hauls, but, according to statistics assembled by the Terminal Taxicab Company, one of the largest in this city, the average haul is a little over three miles. This reduces the actual profits of the company to about 2 cents for each mile traveled by the cabs, they explain.

In the analysis, however, the passenger who travels one mile in a Washington taxicab pays 125-130 per cent profit to the company in the service rendered him.

A change in the District regulations establishing frequent stands for the machines, and forbidding hotels to sell exclusive right to streets in front of their establishments to certain companies, would remedy the situation, it is claimed.

In discussing the taxicab tariffs, John J. Boobar, secretary of the Terminal Taxicab Company, explained that the costs to the company, expressed in the unit "passenger-mile," were about 25 cents.

Mr. Boobar stated every effort was being made by the company to cut operating expenses as low as good service would allow. He also stated that the overhead charges of the company, which maintains a service ready for any emergency twenty-four hours of the day, were a certain element which has to be reckoned with in determining the tariffs.

### HAMMER CRUSHES SKULL

White Foreman Held for Hitting Negro on the Head.

Joseph Smith, colored, a driver for L. A. Smoot, contractor, of Twenty-eighth and K streets Northwest, is in a dying condition at Emergency Hospital with a fractured skull, caused by being hit on the head with a hammer by Thomas Follin, white, yesterday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock.

Follin is manager of the Smoot stables. It is said a misunderstanding between the two men arose at the stable yesterday afternoon. It is alleged that Follin grabbed a hammer and struck Smith in the right temple. The injured man was hurried to the Emergency Hospital, where it was stated last night that he could not live. Follin was arrested, and is held at the Third Precinct Station pending the recovery or death of Smith.

### PAGE VISITS KING.

New Ambassador to England and Staff Call on George V.

London, May 30.—Walter Hines Page, the new American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, today called upon King George at Buckingham Palace and presented his credentials.

Mr. Page was accompanied by the attaches of the embassy. Previously he had paid his formal call on Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Minister.

## Hobo King Reaches Capital on The Pilot of a "Jack O'Brien"

He Says He Keeps Himself Fit by Taking Turkish Baths and Having His Face Massaged. He Writes Poetry, but Didn't Recite It.

The King of the Hoboes blew into town yesterday. Here's how he describes his arrival:

"I blew into this burg on a Jack O'Brien, holding her down on a pilot. The iron horse crawled. The snuff made me bite the grit. A lightning-bug put me hip to the bottom. A dicer came along, and I boarded a sure-gone Pullman, but a railway bull ditched me. I pipes a great big harness out. It goes me and four-fushes with his smoke wagon."

The Hobo King is a stietson hobo, which, by the way, is the last word in Hobodom. He has been a hobo, he explained last night for more than twenty-six years, and in that time has seen this country from end to end.

"I took to the road when I was a kid," he said. "When I began I was just a poor beggar hobo. I learned to cook in a hobo jungle (hobo camp) outside a city. Then I became a stage hobo. That's a guy that works at his trade in a city until he's got a stake before he takes to the road. Now I'm a stietson hobo. That is, I am self-supporting."

The hobo king supports himself by addressing girls' seminars, exclusive clubs, university boys, by selling good recipes to hotels and lovers of good 'lands, occasionally by putting on a hobo specialty at the theaters in towns which he visits, and also by supplying information to men who have tales to tell of hobo land.

Though he has spent his life on the road, the hobo king has acquired many of the parts of a good education. He says that he attends the best plays, the best concerts and lectures that are running in towns where he sojourns. He also claims to be a friend of many of the country's leading educators.

The hobo king has shaken hands with William Jennings Bryan and with William Howard Taft, he says. He uses the best of English, and though he has twenty-six years of irregular road life behind him, he looks fit and fresh for twenty-six seasons more. He said that he kept himself fresh by use of Turkish baths and face massages.

The hobo king is a poet. He admitted that his poetry was one of his main sources of revenue. One day in August he sold a recipe for making chili con carne in a new way to the best poet in the city. "Mulligan" is his favorite dish.

### SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Hostility of Conservative Leaders Leads to Action.

Madrid, May 30.—The Spanish Cabinet, headed by the Premier, Count Alvarado de Romanones, today resigned. The count has been Premier since November 14, 1912.

The resignation was due to the hostility of the Conservative leaders.

### Noted Geographer Dies.

Munich, Germany, May 30.—Prof. Loesch, famous geographer and well known in scientific circles in the United States, died today.

## ALEXANDRIA LIQUOR TAX IS VOTED DOWN

Board of Aldermen Reverses License Increase of \$100 Passed by the Common Council.

### CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

Alexandria, Va., May 28.—The board of aldermen at a special meeting held tonight by a vote of 5 to 1 voted down the increase of \$100 in the license of the liquor dealers as provided in the annual license bill, which passed the common council Tuesday night last, amending the bill upon motion of a member of the board, the various liquor licenses back to the figures prevailing last year.

The license becomes operative tomorrow. Therefore, there will be nothing further done until the lower branch of the council takes some action on the matter. The lower branch passed the proposed increase of \$100 on the liquor dealers by a vote of 5 to 1 at its last meeting. The old license will have to prevail until the matter is finally adjusted. It is regarded as highly probable that the lower branch of the council finally will be compelled to ask for a conference committee with a view of adjusting the problem.

After changing the bill placing the whiskey license back to its original figure, the aldermen then placed the license bill on its passage, passing it by a vote of 5 to 2, without further amendments.

There were but few spectators present. The voting for the amendments to the bill restoring the original figures were Aldermen Hill, Brill, Ballenger, Fitzgerald, and President Marbury, while Aldermen Field and Ogden voted against the amendments.

Alderman Ballenger, however, voted against the amendment to reduce the license on malt wholesale liquor dealers as provided in the bill, which had been passed by a vote of 4 to 2.

The retail liquor license in Alexandria is at present \$250, and the committee is making its report increased to \$250, also adding an increase of \$100 on all other liquors, the liquor traffic in any shape or form.

Alderman Hill expressed regret that he was not present at the meeting of the Finance Committee when the figures were made up. He was of the opinion that the liquor people should have been notified before hand on the proposed raise in the license tax, inasmuch as many already have taken out their license and it would have given them a chance to retire from business if they so desired.

In supporting the amendments to place the license back to the original figures, Alderman Brill stated that he did so with no thought of his own interest, adding he thought the increase an unjust one at this time.

Capt. McKee, of Washington, this afternoon delivered the annual Memorial Day address at the exercises held at the National Cemetery, west of this city. The services were well attended, among those present being a number of G. A. R. veterans from Washington, who had previously attended the exercises at Arlington Cemetery.

The day was generally observed here. Hundreds of local fans in the afternoon attended the ball game in Washington. Many went to Arlington to attend the exercises at that place, while large numbers patronized the various excursion resorts, and picnic parties also were in order. The cars going to and from Mount Vernon were crowded with strangers.

Flowers of an endless variety, including the time-honored memorial wreaths, were placed on graves by relatives and friends during the day, hundreds visiting the cemeteries around the city, Alexandria Lodge of Elks, in accordance with an annual custom, placed flowers on the graves of its deceased members during the day.

Four nurses of the Alexandria Hospital will graduate at the commencement exercises, which will be held at 8 o'clock the night of June 1 at the Westminster Building of the Second Presbyterian Church. The graduates are Misses Edith P. Johns, Lola M. Torking, Bertha M. Bristow, and Ruth N. Weeks, all of Virginia.

Dr. William M. Smith will preside. Invocation will be pronounced by Rev. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Dr. Allen Freeman, of Richmond, will deliver an address, and the nurses' oath will be given by Dr. George T. Kline. The presentation of pins and diplomas will be made by Dr. M. D. Delaney. Rev. C. R. Strauberg, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, will pronounce the benediction. Music will be furnished by Cohen's Orchestra, of Washington.

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"The entire principal of the trust fund was invested from time to time in stocks and bonds. The precise details of these investments, the dates of the losses, I am unable to state. I am now in my eightieth year, and the strokes of paralysis have incapacitated me and impaired my mental faculties. The gentlemen with whom I transacted the business of this estate all seem to be dead, and some records which I kept were destroyed by fire."

"The principal of the fund was swept away more than fifteen years ago. Up to a short time before this proceeding exercise, which will be held at 8 o'clock the night of June 1 at the Westminster Building of the Second Presbyterian Church. The graduates are Misses Edith P. Johns, Lola M. Torking, Bertha M. Bristow, and Ruth N. Weeks, all of Virginia."

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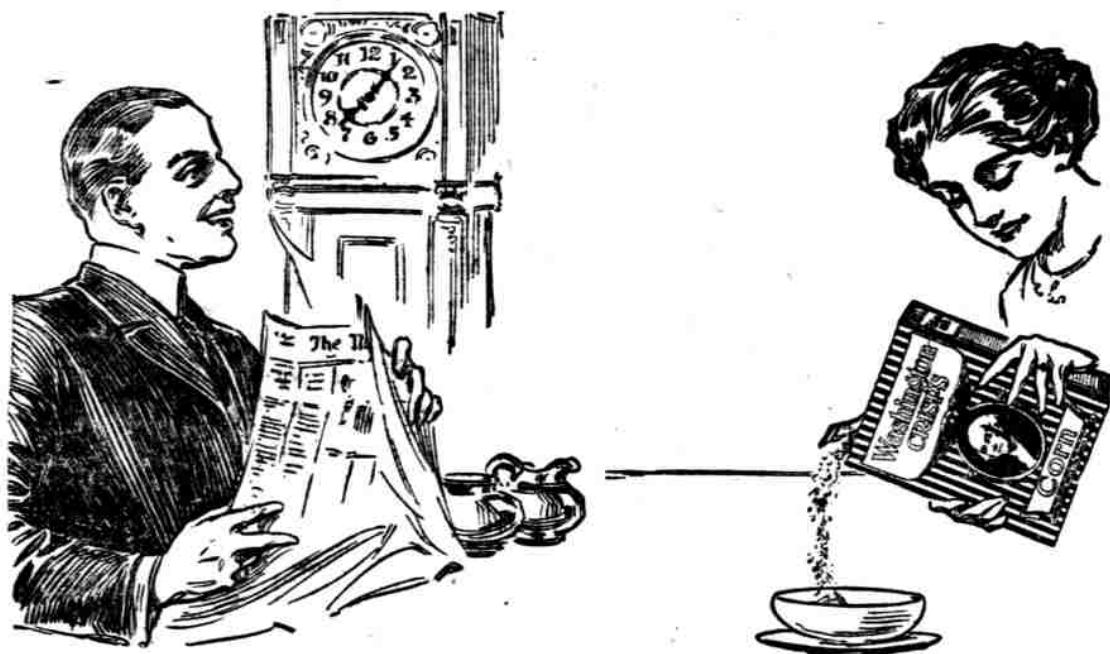
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